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* * NO LUNCHEON OR DINNER ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1948 * *

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AN INFORMAL COCKTAILS PARTY IN THE CLUBROOMS, SUITE 411, 1475 BROADWAY

TIME: 5:30 P. M. to 8 P. M.

HONOR GUEST

GWEN DEW, Member of OPC

Gwen has just returned from two years in the Far East where she spent six months in Formosa and Shanghai and eighteen months in Tokyo. Miss Dew was writing for twelve newspapers.

Inasmuch as the current difficulties of correspondents in the Far East have made news in the last few days, Gwen Dew will talk about the present conditions of reporting in Japan and China. The latest communique from Kenneth C. Royal, secretary for the Army, has established the fact that correspondents may spend one month out of every six away from Japan and not have to be re-accredited or have to move their families with them as they move around. Most correspondents in the Far East have roving assignments but keep their families in Tokyo. It seems to be fairly certain that General MacArthur's first orders this week, which brought blasts from members there, have been rescinded.

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THE ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB HAS BEEN POSTPONED FROM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th TO TUESDAY, MARCH 16th, at the Waldorf-Astoria. General Omar N. Bradley, the new Chief of Staff, will make his first keynote speech before the club at that time. Other speakers will be announced in the next Bulletin.

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THERE WILL BE NO CARD TO RETURN THIS WEEK. JUST DROP INTO THE CLUB FOR A GET-TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS AND A SHORT OR A LONG DRINK. MRS. RICHARD TREGASKIS WILL BE HOSTESS.

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The January meeting of the Board of Governors of the club was held at the home of Bruno Shaw, on Thursday, January 30th, at which time the Governors recommended to the Dinner Committee that the banquet be postponed to March 16th.

The Awards Committee met on Monday, February 2nd at the New York Athletic Club for lunch and made up the final slate of three candidates for each of the four categories of awards for 1948. The ballot will be mailed to members next week and should be returned immediately.

Eighteen members of the Dinner Committee met in the clubrooms on Monday, February 2nd, to discuss plans for the Annual Dinner. Almost two hundred reservations have been received already from members who are reserving tables for themselves and their friends. Formal invitations will be mailed next week.

At the semi-annual business meeting of the club, Frederic Abbott, chairman of the Admissions Committee, reported that 117 new active and associate members had been accepted to date. The club membership now stands as follows:

<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Associate Members</u>	<u>Guest Members</u>
Old 449	Old 61	14
New 88	New 15	
<u>537</u>	<u>76</u>	

Thus the total membership of the club is now 627.

About ten per cent of the membership is made up of associate members and about ten per cent of the members are women. According to a survey made by the club office, there are about five hundred foreign correspondents abroad at the present time. Between World Wars I and II, the estimate of correspondents stationed abroad permanently was only about three hundred. About two hundred members of the Overseas Press Club are assigned abroad now, with another hundred going and coming on short assignments.

The President's report stated that three of the Governors are now stationed abroad; William P. Carney in Mexico City for the New York Times; Sonia Tomara in Berlin for the New York Herald-Tribune and Richard Tregaskis in Australia for True magazine. Many other Board members have been on short trips abroad during the year.

Ralph J. Frantz, treasurer, reported that the amount in the Treasury as of the annual meeting in April had been approximately eleven thousand dollars and that nine thousand dollars was in the Treasury at the end of January. The club is renting our clubrooms indirectly from the New York Times.

Joseph Phillips, chairman of the committee on the Russian book, announces that the book "As We Saw Russia" will be published in September by E.P.Dutton and Co.

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Rumor out at Lake Success has it that accreditations of the 700 American correspondents from other countries are being very closely scrutinized by the F.B.I. on behalf of the United States Government as a result of the recent fracas about the two correspondents' case on the subject of which the United Nations and the United States did not see eye to eye. Some accreditations have already been rescinded.

Judge N. F. Allman, returned from China recently, will be the principal speaker at the Shanghai Tiffin Club, to which many of our members belong, at their luncheon of Tuesday, February 10th.

Pauline Frederick, ABC correspondent at the UN, broadcasts special stories on the 7 P.M. and 11 P.M. broadcasts of the Headline edition of the News of Tomorrow program.

The Who's Who of the Overseas Press Club will come off the press on February 25th. It will run to 125 pages and will include the club committees, the club history, the constitution, the resumes of active, associate and guest members, an introduction by President Considine and the list of inactive members.

Victor Weybright, chairman and editor of Penguin Books, Inc. has announced that his company has terminated its association with Penguin Books, Ltd. of London, England, due to exchange difficulties and present import and export regulations of Great Britain.

Frank Gervasi, in a recent issue of Collier's, profiled Joe Martin, speaker of the House of Representatives and labeled him "The G.O.P.'s Off Stage Prompter."

Serge Fliegers, representing the UN AID FOR CHILDREN campaign in the Middle and Far East, was in Istanbul recently where he saw the refugee ships from Rumania passing through the Bosphorus right from the bar of the Park Hotel with Leo Hochstetter of CBS, Ed Greenwald of the AP and Aslan Humbaraci of the New York Times. Serge bumped into Vincent "Jimmy" Sheean doing some stories on India and Pakistan for Holiday magazine while he was in Karashi.

Lillian Genn, non-fiction editor of Argosy magazine, says that the February issue of that publication puts it into the half million circulation class.

Josh Powers, chief of Editorial Press Service, New York, will be one of the principal speakers at the dinner of the Inter-American Press Association to be held at the Ritz Carlton on Wednesday, February 5. Edmund Chester of CBS; Robert U. Brown, editor of Editor and Publisher, Hal Lee, editor of Pan American magazine are members of this association. Lee will be leaving next week for Venezuela, on a short trip.

Egbert White, publisher of the United Nations World, held a birthday party for the magazine last week. The baby was one year old.

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Kathryn Cravens, member of the House Committee, was hostess at the clubrooms this week.

The grapevine says that Ed Beattie, formerly of United Press, and Fred Oeschner of Scripps Howard newspapers in Washington, were both slated to take the press attache post in Vienna for the U.S. Embassy. However, it seems that it has been settled by Ed being stationed in Vienna and Fred roving over the other countries in Eastern Europe for the U.S. Embassy.

Wythe Williams has just signed a contract to write a book on "Clemenceau, The Tiger" for Duell, Sloane and Pearce. Williams holds the rights of the Clemenceau family for publications and screen.

If you would like to do some lecturing for the Committee On the Marshall Plan to aid European recovery, call the office. Helen Hiett and Gretta Palmer have been scheduled to speak this month.

Don Huth of the Associated Press Bureau in India, is coming home to escort the body of his young daughter for burial in Milwaukee. The child died in New Delhi.

Larry Blochman has a new mystery story in the February 7th issue of Collier's entitled "Rum For Dinner" featuring Dr. Coffee, the medical detective.

Carol Weld, who has been very ill recently, has returned to Atlanta, Georgia, after a short convalescence trip to Florida.

H. V. Kaltenborn's son, Dr. Rolf Kaltenborn, is a protagonist of "Subscription Radio", which means getting away from commercial or government controlled radio in a plan to have listeners subscribe to radio programs just as they do to newspapers and magazines. Kaltenborn says he has enough funds to launch "Pioneer Network" on a net of ten regular broadcasting stations. For details of the plan, see Time magazine of Feb. 2, 1948.

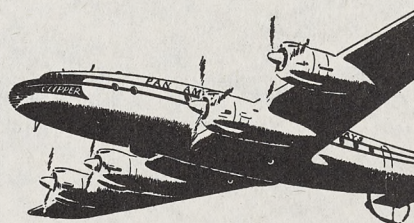
Cecil Brown, broadcasting on January 31st over WOR, said that Gandhi had been a favorite figure with American newspapermen following the Indian leader around the country. Brown gave an amusing story of an AP reporter who had seen Gandhi before and after he had gone to prison several times. Gandhi said "I guess I will see you when I get to heaven, too." The reporter died in 1943.

Bertram Brandt has returned from a four day junket to cover "Operation Snowdrop" for Acme Newspictures. Sub-zero weather accompanied the parachute tests made by the Army. Brandt says that he had to wear snowshoes and unaccustomed as he was to this feat, fell into most every snowdrift around.

Lucian Kirtland, treasurer of the Correspondents Fund, has been elected third vice president of the Explorers' Club.

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Nola Luxford was awarded recently in Washington President Truman's Certificate of Merit for "outstanding fidelity and meritorious conduct" during five years voluntary war work, which promoted "International understanding between our allies". She becomes the third woman in the UN to receive this citation. This is her sixth award.

Glimpsed around at the luncheon of January 29th; Whitelaw Reid, editor of the N.Y. Herald Tribune; Charles Hodges, secretary of ARNA; Daniel Del Solar, of Time and Life International; Arthur Fletcher of the United Nations Department of Information; and Jzerry Shapiro, director of External Services of the UN.

Egbert White, vice president, returned from several months in North Africa and France, presided. White said that a lot of money was being made by innkeepers in Europe when they charge extra prices for a room "Where Eisenhower Slept" or "Ike Slept Here".

Benjamin Cohen, club member and assistant secretary general of the UN in charge of press and information, made a brilliant speech in which he said that Latin America is not getting a good break in the American press. Cohen said that relations of the U.S. with South America would become more important and that this country should help the countries to the south economically as these countries could do much to sway world public opinion. Cohen said that a Latin American economic commission would be formed in Mexico shortly.

Victor Ralph La Haya, editor of La Tribune of Lima, Peru, declared that South American countries wished for political democracy but that they had to have economic democracy in order to survive. The speaker said that the peoples of South America must be equals with the Americans of the north. He said that the era of army dictatorships and absentee landlords was on its way out.

This South American editor pleaded for the understanding of the two continents and said that other countries must be given the benefit of the knowledge of our inventions which belong to the world.

EDITOR'S NOTE..... IF ANY MEMBERS OF THE CLUB LIVING ABROAD WISH TO RECEIVE THE BULLETIN BY AIRMAIL, PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE. SEVERAL HAVE REQUESTED THAT IT BE SENT TO THEM BY AIR.

Editors: Correspondents of the wire services who do not have outlets in New York and out of town publication people don't get enough mention in the Bulletin---merely because the editor can't check on everything written by so journalistically profligate a membership. The same holds true of broadcasts of our members in radio as the editor doesn't listen to all of the news broadcasts. Therefore, if members read or hear on the radio some very good product of the brain of an OPC member, ring up or jot it down for the Bulletin.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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